

19 MAY 1959

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

Briefing Report on Afghan-Soviet Trade

REFERENCE:

Your Case Number [REDACTED]

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1. The attached briefing paper was prepared in response to your request of 7 May. Following conversations with [REDACTED] of your office the scope was extended to cover credit agreements and also to include all of the Sino-Soviet Bloc countries.

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2. Throughout the briefing paper [REDACTED] materials were used to supplement information from other sources. Identification of [REDACTED] materials is made wherever the information presented was derived exclusively or largely therefrom.

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3. The EIC Working Group's Biweekly Report No. 85 on Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in the Underdeveloped Areas, dated 11 May, contains an article assessing the extent of Bloc economic penetration of Afghanistan. A copy of this article is attached.

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4. At the suggestion of [REDACTED] and the Afghanistan desk an advance information copy of the attached briefing paper together with a copy of the Biweekly article was forwarded to them on 18 May.

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Acting Assistant Director
Research and Reports

Enclosure: "Briefing Report on Afghan-Soviet Trade"

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